

SCIENTIFIC NOTE

AN OVERLOOKED FAMILY-GROUP NAME FOR
TERMITES (ISOPTERA)¹Michael S. Engel² and Kumar Krishna³

During ongoing work to complete a new, annotated world catalog of the termites (Isoptera), a family-group name was found that had been inadvertently overlooked during the preparation of an account of such names (Engel and Krishna, 2004). The name *Odontotermiteini* was proposed as a tribe by Weidner (1956) for *Odontotermes*, *Ancistrotermes*, and *Microtermes*. *Odontotermiteini* was not used by subsequent authors of termite classification. We provide here an entry for *Odontotermiteini*, indicating the same information as provided for other termite family-group names (Engel and Krishna, 2004), and putting the name on record as an amendment to the earlier paper. Since the names provided in the earlier account are listed in order by taxonomic priority, *Odontotermiteini* should be intercalated between the names *Apicotermitinae* and *Cubitermitini*. The entry would read as follows:

28a. *Odontotermiteini* Weidner, 1956: 82. Type genus: *Odontotermes* Holmgren, 1910. Combining stem: *Odontotermite-*.

In the table summarizing the hierarchical outline of termite classification (Engel and Krishna, 2004), *Odontotermiteini* would be listed as a synonym of *Macrotermiteinae*, immediately under *Acanthotermitinae*, itself a synonym (*vide* Engel and Krishna, 2001; ICZN, 2003) as all three were proposed for groups of fungus-growing termites. *Odontotermiteini* does not affect the priority or status of any other family-group names.

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